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SUBJECT: EARLE-SEMENOV MEETING, JUNE 15, 1977 (SALT TWO-1223)

1. IN CHIEFS OF DELEGATION MEETING HELD JUNE 15, SEMENOV AND I DISCUSSED MIRV VERIFICATION ISSUE. I POSED SEVERAL QUESTIONS DIRECTED AT UNDERSTANDING HOW SOVIET PROPOSAL WOULD ESTABLISH AN ASSOCIATION BETWEEN A MISSILE AND ITS LAUNCHER AND HOW IT WOULD THEN ESTABLISH AN ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THAT LAUNCHER AND LAUNCHERS DEPLOYED IN THE FIELD.

2. SEMENOV SAID THAT HE HAD A "COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL" THAT WOULD ANSWER ALL MY QUESTIONS. HE FIRST REITERATED SOVIETO WILLINGNESS TO DESIGNATE MIRVED MISSILES AND THEN HANDED OVER THE FOLLOWING AGREED STATEMENT TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE II:

"THE PARTIES AGREE THAT ICBMS AND SLBMS OF TYPES EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS CURRENTLY ARE: FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MINUTEMAN III ICBM AND POSEIDON C-3 SLBM; FOR THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, RS-16, RS-18, RS-20 ICMBS AND RSM-50 SLBM; AND FOR BOTH PARTIES IN THE FUTURE, ALL ICBMS AND ALBMS OF THE TYPES TESTED WITH MIRVS."
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HE THAN ADDED THAT,

"THE SOVIET SIDE UNDERSTANDS THAT US DESIGNATIONS SS-17, SS-19, SS-18 AND SS-N-18 CORRESPOND TO SOVIET DESIGNATIONS RS-16, RS-18, RS-20 AND RSM-50 (IN THIS SAME FORDER)."

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3. SEMENOV THEN HANDED OVER THE FOLLOWING AGREED STATEMENT TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE II:

"THE PARTIES AGREE THAT AS OF THE DATE OF SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT (BLANK) LAUNCHERS OF MINUTEMAN III ICBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS AND (BLANK) LAUNCHERS OF ANOTHER TYPE WITH ICBMS NOT EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS ARE DEPLOYED AT THE MALMSTROM ICBM LAUNCHER BASE (US); 60 LAUNCHERS OF RS-18 ICBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS AND 120 LAUNCHERS OF ANOTHER TYPE WITH ICBMS NOT EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS ARE DEPLOYED IN THE DERAZHNYA AND PERVOMAYSK ICBM LAUNCHER AREAS (USSR)."

HE ADDED THAT , AS FOR DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN LAUNCHERS OF ICBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS AND LAUNCHERS OF ICBMS NOT EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS AT D&P, THIS DISTINCTION COULD BE MADE ON THE BASIS THAT "IN THESE AREAS THERE ARE 60 ICBM LAUNCHERS CORRESPONDING ABSOLUTELY TO DEFINITE TYPES OF MISSILES EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS (I.E., RS-18S)." HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF LAUNCHERS AT D&P.

4. SEMENOV VOLUNTEERED THAT, SINCE I HAD PREVIOUSLY ASKED WHETHER OR NOT SITUATION AT D&P WOULD BE CONTINUED, HE WOULD ANSWER THAT QUESTION. HE DID NOT ANSWER THAT QUESTION, HOWEVER, BUT INSTEAD SAID THAT SITUATION WILL NOT BE REPEATED ELSEWHERE. HE ASKED IF US CAN SAY THE SAME ABOUT MALMSTROM. I SAID THAT I COULD NOT ANSWER THAT QUESTION TODAY.

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5. I LEFT SEMENOV WITH SEVERAL QUESTIONS REGARDING ASSOCIATION BETWEEN TEST LAUNCHERS AND LAUNCHERS DEPLOYED IN THE FIELD, AND SUGGESTED WE RETURN TO THE SUBJECT AT A LATER DATE. HE AGREED GRUDINGLY, INDICATING AGAIN THAT TODAY'S SOVIET PACKAGE SOLVED THE PROBLEM WHICH WAS NOW RIPE FOR DRAFTING GROUP.EARLE

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